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### IN THE CLAIMS

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#### Listing of Claims

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of providing transcoded media content in response to a batch media provider request, comprising the steps of:

receiving the batch media provider request;

selecting a transcoding server based on server load;

sending, to the selected transcoding server, a transcoding task corresponding to the batch media provider request;

transcoding source media content to produce the requested transcoded media content; and

storing the requested transcoded media content in a cache,

wherein said selecting step is further based on an estimated load to be created by the transcoding task, and

~~The method of claim 32,~~ wherein said selecting step (b) comprises the steps of:

~~(i)~~ determining source, destination, and server properties;

~~(ii)~~ searching historical transcode task load data for a closest match;

~~(iii)~~ calculating a difference between the transcoding task and the closest match;

and

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~~(iv)~~ if the difference is sufficiently small, returning a load value of the closest match; otherwise, returning a predetermined conservative load estimate.

34-38. (Canceled)